

# St. Patrick's College



Promoting Personal Excellence

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Since the abolition of Corporal Punishment in August 1987, schools have had to find alternative sanctions for pupil misbehaviour. One of the most effective sanctions is detention.

**Detention** means

- (a) keeping pupils after school when all the other pupils have gone home or
- (b) removing part of their lunchtime or
- (c) asking them to attend school during staff training days

## Guide-Lines

Be aware of special circumstances e.g.: age of child and any individual handicaps, distance and travel facilities between school and home, hours of daylight, over-use for a particular child.

NB. Entitlement to free transport does not of itself exempt a pupil from Formal Detention.

Form Teachers consult with HKS who will be responsible for issuing the detention notice and also briefing Head of Pastoral Care, who will keep records of all detentions.

Parents should have at least 24 hours notice, giving the day, the time and the duration of the formal detention. (Formal detention time may be extended to 4.30pm for more serious offenders).

Teachers should provide useful additional work to be completed during detention and returned by the pupil for inspection.

Following a recommendation, if a pupil skips detention a written explanation will be required and a date agreed for completion of the detention.

Parents who disapprove will be invited to the school to agree alternative punishment. If a pupil is absent on detention day then transfer to the next detention day.

**Some Reasons for Detention**

Frequently late for school or class.

Insolent or rude behaviour.

Refusal to obey a reasonable instruction.

Vandalism.

Bullying or assault on another pupil.

AWOL.

Repeated failure to produce homework.

Serious disruption.

Misbehaviour on school buses.

Truancy.

Pattern of non-conforming, non-co-operation.